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December 5th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences of Amsterdam, dated 7th Sept., 1854, accompanying their donations acknowledged this evening.

From the City Library, Leipsic, dated 2d Oct., 1854, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Academy.

From the New York State Library, dated 28th Nov., 1854, acknowledging the receipt of the last number of the Proceedings.

From Mr. John Landis, dated Hempfield, Penn., transmitting some minerals from that vicinity, and requesting an examination thereof.

From Prof. B. L. C. Wailes, dated Washington, Miss., acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent of the Academy.

From Dr. Bennett Dowler, dated New Orleans, 1st Nov. 1854, transmitting two specimens of foetal fishes, with a printed description of viviparous fishes found in Louisiana.

Dr. Leidy read a paper intended for publication, entitled, "Remarks on the identity of *Bootherium cavifrons* with *Ovibos moschatus*, or *O. maximus*." Referred to Dr. Le Conte, Mr. Foulke, and Dr. Hallowell.

Dr. Leidy exhibited a drawing of a species of *Hydrachna*, which he had found in various conditions of development in the mantle of *Unio purpureus*. They were very numerous, some specimens containing a thousand or more.

December 12th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from Mr. Eugene Borda, dated Minersville, Penn., Dec. 1854, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Member.

Dr. Le Conte presented two papers for publication in the Proceedings, severally entitled, "Descriptions of the species of *Trox* and *Omorgus* inhabiting the United States," and "Some corrections in the Nomenclature of Coleoptera found in the United States;" both of which were referred to Mr. Cassin, Dr. Zantzinger, and Prof. Baird.

A paper from Mr. Girard, intended for publication, was presented, entitled, "Abstract of a report to Lieut J. M. Gilliss, U. S. N., upon the Reptiles collected during the U. S. Naval Astronomical Expedition to Chili." Referred to Dr. Hallowell, Mr. Lea, and Major Le Conte.

December 19th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From Lieut. G. H. Hare, dated Philadelphia, 19th Dec., 1854, transmitting numerous donations to Museum acknowledged this evening. The collections were made by Count Bernardi and himself.

From Mr. S. S. Rathvon, dated Lancaster, Penn., 5th Dec., 1854, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election, as a Correspondent.